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## HOW TO... Use Internet Explorer in Firefox

Some websites demand that you use Internet Explorer. David Ludlow shows you how to fire it up within Firefox

**F**irefox is an excellent web browser, and is more secure than its competitors because it doesn't use ActiveX. This is great for helping to keep your PC free of spyware and other security threats, but any site that requires ActiveX, such as many banks, won't work. You could switch to Internet Explorer when you need to use these sites, but it's inconvenient.

Fortunately, a free Firefox add-on, IE Tab, gives you the best of both worlds. This simple utility lets you use Internet Explorer's rendering engine within Firefox. Another benefit of this method is that you can keep all your bookmarks in one place. Here we show you how to use IE Tab in Firefox 2.

**1** First, download IE Tab from <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/1419>. Firefox makes it easy to install add-ons: simply click on the big green Install Now button, followed by the Install button in the dialog box that appears. Once the installation is complete, click Restart Firefox. The browser will shut down and restart with IE Tab enabled.

**2** Using IE Tab is very easy, although you'll need to be able to see Firefox's tabs. If you can't, go to Tools, Options and click on the Tabs icon. Select Always show the tab bar and click OK.

By default, Firefox will show web pages using its own rendering engine, but it's easy enough to change

this. Right-click a tab and click Switch rendering engine. There'll be a slight pause as Firefox switches to Internet Explorer's rendering engine. If this has been successful, the tab will have Internet Explorer's icon in it. Clicking Switch rendering engine again will switch back to Firefox's engine. Using the scroll-wheel on your mouse to click Switch rendering engines will open the current website in a new tab and switch rendering engines.

**3** Switching tabs manually is fine, but if you regularly visit particular sites that need Internet Explorer, you can set IE Tab to switch automatically. Click on the Tools menu and then Add-ons. Click on IE Tab in the list of installed Add-ons and click Options. The first dialog box you can see is the Sites Filter. The current website you're on appears in the URL box, but you can replace this with any site you like. To use IE Tab for all web pages on a particular site, type /\* after the URL: for example, [www.egg.com/\\*](http://www.egg.com/*) not [www.egg.com](http://www.egg.com). Click Add to add your websites to the filter.

**4** IE Tab is now working automatically, so all you need to do is test it by going to one of the sites you added to the Site Filter. Again, there'll be a slight delay while Firefox loads Internet Explorer's rendering engine. We added [www.egg.com/\\*](http://www.egg.com/*) to our IE Tab, so now we can view the Egg Money Manager in Firefox, which was previously impossible. **ES**

